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§5–358.

(a) If, after a hearing on a petition of an adoptee or former parent, a juvenile court is satisfied that the adoptee or blood relative of the adoptee or former parent urgently needs medical information not in local department and juvenile court records, the juvenile court may appoint an intermediary to try to contact the adoptee or a former parent of the adoptee for the information.

(b) An intermediary appointed under this section:

(1) may only advise an adoptee or former parent of the need for medical information; and

(2) may not:

(i) reveal any identifying information about an adoptee or former parent; or

(ii) try, in any manner, to encourage or discourage contact between an adoptee and former parent.

(c) An intermediary appointed under this section shall file with the appointing juvenile court a confidential written report on the intermediary's efforts to contact an adoptee or former parent.

(d) When a juvenile court receives a report from an intermediary, the juvenile court may disclose to the adoptee or former parent, without revealing identifying information about an adoptee or former parent:

(1) whether the intermediary advised an adoptee or former parent about the need for medical information; and

(2) medical information that the adoptee or a former parent provided.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a juvenile court may order an adoptee or former parent to pay a reasonable fee for the services of an intermediary under this section.

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